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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE TO REQUIRE ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WITH ACCESS TO FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION TO BE FINGERPRINTED AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE TO REQUEST A BACKGROUND CHECK REGARDING SUCH EMPLOYEE FROM ANY STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 27-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-3-13. The Commissioner of Revenue is empowered to employ such accountants, appraisers, information systems programmers, information systems technicians, information systems managers, clerical help, stenographers, and such other assistants and/or attorneys as he may deem necessary to the proper discharge of the duties of the Department of Revenue, to prescribe their duties and to fix the compensation of each employee within the rules, regulations and guidelines of the State Personnel Board. Such employees may be used interchangeably in the administration of the various duties imposed by law upon the commissioner in the several

offices of the Department of Revenue. Further, the Commissioner of Revenue may designate any ten (10) employees of the commission to be law enforcement officers, as defined in Section 45-6-3, with police powers to enforce any laws administered by the Department of Revenue. Temporary employees may be employed as hereinabove, when in the opinion of the commissioner a seasonal press of business requires, except that such temporary employees shall be retained no longer than is necessary to the discharge of the duties imposed by law upon the department.

The Commissioner of Revenue may require any employee with access to federal tax information to be fingerprinted and the commissioner may request a background check regarding such employee from any state or federal agency.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 17

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE

March 24/ 2016

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